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Legislative Digest **Tuesday, March 3, 1998**

John Boehner
Chairman
8th District, Ohio

House Meets at 12:30 p.m. for Morning Hour and
2:00 p.m. for Legislative Business
(No Votes Before 5:00 p.m.)

Anticipated Floor Action:
H.R. 217—Homeless Housing Programs Consolidation and Flexibility Act
H.R. 613—Designating the Sam Nunn Federal Center

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Bills Considered Under Suspension of the Rules

Floor Situation: The House will consider the following two bills under suspension of the rules as its first order of business today. Each is debatable for 40 minutes, may not be amended, and requires a two-thirds majority vote for passage.

H.R. 217—Homeless Housing Programs Consolidation & Flexibility Act amends the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act (*P.L. 100-77*), to consolidate seven existing homeless aid programs into a block grant program provided to states, localities, territorial governments and others who serve the homeless. The bill also authorizes $1 billion annually through FY 2002 for the block grants. H.R. 217 requires HUD to create and submit to Congress, within one year of enactment, a new allocation formula based on the incidence of homeless and other contributing factors which affect all states. The bill also allows up to 35 percent of funds given to an area to be used for support services (such as drug treatment), without the need to match each federal dollar. The bill allows total flexibility related to the amount of funds spent on emergency shelters. The measure also requires interagency coordination to ensure that executive agencies, (other than HUD) provide adequate federal assistance to compliment the McKinney Housing Assistance Program. Assuming appropriations equal to the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 217 will result in $4.4 billion in discretionary outlays over the FY 1999-2002 period. The bill does not affect direct spending, so pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply. The bill was introduced by Mr. Lazio on January 7, 1997, and the Banking & Financial Services Committee ordered the bill reported by voice vote on November 5, 1997.

H.R. 613—Designating the Sam Nunn Federal Center renames the federal building located at 61 Forsyth St., NW in Atlanta, Georgia, the Sam Nunn Atlanta Federal Center. Senator Nunn began his political career in 1968 when he was elected to the Georgia State House of Representatives. In 1972, he was elected to fill the open seat vacated by the death of Senator Richard Russell. Senator Nunn focused his efforts on strengthening America's defenses through his twelve years of service as either chairman or ranking Democrat of the Senate Armed Services committee. Furthermore, he supported legislation aimed at restoring fiscal responsibility and accountability in the federal government by voting for such measures as the Balanced Budget Amendment. He is still internationally recognized as an expert on economic policy and defense issues, even after his retirement from the Senate in 1995. CBO estimates that enactment will have no significant impact on the federal budget. The bill was introduced by Mr. Lewis (GA) and was reported by the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee by voice vote on July 31, 1997.

Additional Information: See *Legislative Digest,* Vol. XXVII, #4, February 27, 1998.

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Member Sponsoring Amendment: _____ Bill #: _____

Additional Co-sponsors (if any): _____

Staff Contact: _____ Phone #: _____ Evening Phone #: _____

Description of the amendment: _____

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(Please include any additional or contextual information)

Reason for offering amendment (e.g., How will this change the bill or current law? Why should members support this change?): _____

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